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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

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TO: Members of the Interdepartmental Committee
FROM: Ensign Frederick G. Kilgour, USNR

Following is a resolution and memorandum which John K. Fairbank and I have prepared for discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

Whereas, it is now practically impossible to obtain publications for intelligence purposes from the North China Guerrilla Areas or to obtain through these Areas publications from Northern Japanese Occupied China, Manchuria, Korea, and Japan itself because the Chinese Government will not allow an American Representative to be stationed in the Northern Guerrilla Areas; therefore,
Resolved, That the following Memorandum be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Intelligence and publications for intelligence purposes from Japan and North China, where the Japanese are most strongly entrenched, are both valuable and unobtainable.

The representatives in Chungking of the Eighteenth Group Army, which operates in the Guerrilla Area in North China, have expressed their readiness to assist in the collection of such intelligence materials. But it is first necessary for American representatives in China to have direct access to the Guerrilla Area to acquire publications there.

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The Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, therefore, believes that it is a military necessity that an American representation be established in the Eighteenth Group Army area of Shensi and North China, and for this purpose it is believed desirable that the Commander-in-Chief communicate with the Chinese Government.

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